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*Cuba-Switzerland-Algeria: Swiss Foreign Minister Wahlen is now convinced that Fidel Castro definitely plans to visit Switzerland before returning from the USSR, but the date and duration of the visit remain unknown.

Castro, who first broached the subject of his interest in visiting Switzerland to the Swiss ambassador on 21 April, made a second call on the ambassador shortly before leaving Cuba for the USSR on 26 April. Castro discussed Red Cross activities in Cuba at length and said he would expect to visit International Red Cross officials in Geneva.

Castro also told the Swiss ambassador that he was thinking of extending his itinerary to include a visit with Pope John.

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Conflicting reports concerning Castro's plans to visit Algeria probably reflect an attempt to maintain security over his movements. His ambassador to Algiers joined him in Moscow on 2 May amid reports that he had postponed his visit until the end of the year. Cuban news agency reports, however, indicated that Castro would stop in Algeria before returning from the USSR.

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Brazil: [The Brazilian delegation to the meeting of American labor ministers in Bogota from 6 to 11 May is under strong Communist influence and is likely to attack the Alliance for Progress.]

[According to a Brazilian press report, which the US Embassy in Rio de Janeiro believes was probably government-inspired, Labor Minister Almino Afonso in Bogota will suggest re-formulation of the Alliance for Progress and will state that the alliance in its present form no longer interests Brazil. This line has been publicly voiced by Goulart, former President Kubitschek, and other prominent Brazilians.]

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[Almino is one of Brazil's most active extreme leftist leaders. He is described by the embassy as a "likely member of the Communist Party who received large contributions to his last political campaign from iron curtain governments." Almino has been pressing for the establishment of the Communist-dominated General Workers' Command as the directing organ for Brazilian organized labor.]

[Osmildo Stafford, a Communist Party member, is also a member of the five-man Brazilian delegation to Bogota.]

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